



# Knights of Columbus® Queen of All Saints Council 12951

Fall 2023

## Our Council Receives Double Star Council Award



District Deputy Marty Campanella presents the Knights of Columbus Double Star Award to Grand Knight Bruce Garwood.

Earning the "Star Council Award" is an annual recognition from the Supreme office of the Knights of Columbus. The Double Star designation means we have greatly exceeded the requirements for the annual recognition.

The requirements cover a variety of efforts. These include membership increases, community service, parish service, faith-based and pro-life activities. This year the members of our council conducted many additional activities which can be seen by clicking on the Activities link at [qas.org/kofc](http://qas.org/kofc).

"These men demonstrate that Christ is alive in our parish. On a daily basis, they practice their faith, by being the example of a Catholic gentleman" said Grand Knight Bruce Garwood.

## Recent Council Activities

### Tootsie Roll Drive



This year's drive was on September 15 and 16th. Knights and their families collected and handed-out tootsie rolls in front of Wal-Mart, Al's Supermarkets on Franklin Street & Karwick Road, and East Side Produce & Meats. We will also be collected after all masses on September 10, 2023 at St. Mary's, September 17, 2023 at Queen of All Saints, and September 21, 2023 at St. Stan's. As we handed out a "tootsie roll" and thanked people for their donation, we remembered how fortunate we are, for God's grace, for our blessings in life, and the ability to donate for a good cause of supporting our disabled neighbors in need.

In 2022, we collected \$14,200.00 and donated these funds to organizations directly working and enriching the lives of handicapped people. We donated \$13,350.00 (\$4450.00 to each) to local organizations (listed below) for the mentally and physically handicapped. Only the cost of the Tootsie Rolls and the direct mail campaign was taken from the proceeds we collected. This reflects a 94% return.

1. Paladin Industries, Michigan City IN
2. Share Foundation (Father Dennis Blaney), Rolling Prairie IN
3. Social Learning Center, Michigan City IN

Any extra Tootsie Rolls are given to children at the Boo at the Zoo outing.

### Aid and Support After Pregnancy



Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP), describes the Knights of Columbus' efforts to support pregnant women, mothers and their babies by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

On October 7th and 8th our Council began a Baby Bottle Drive. As the name suggests, the drive uses baby bottles to collect loose change, cash and checks.

You saw Knights at the doors of the church handing out Baby Bottles for you to take home and fill and bring back on October 28th and 29th. The money collected will be used by local pregnancy centers or maternity homes to purchase supplies to support mothers who choose to have their baby and not to have an abortion.

## Message from the Grand Knight

The second quarter of the 2023-2024 fiscal year has arrived. Time continues to move too fast. The council is moving forward quickly with a busy September which included the Tootsie Roll drive and the Mum Sale. The Tootsie Roll drive will continue until November so if you are interested in donating to this wonderful event, please see any Knight and they will assist you. We will be selling Tootsie Rolls in the Legacy Center through November as well. October will continue to be just as busy with ASAP program (Baby Bottle project), Red Cross Blood Drive, Knights Movie Night, Trunk and Treat for the QAS school children, and Boo in the Zoo. The ASAP program will conclude October 28th & 29th with the returned Baby Bottles with donations contained in each. All of these events could not have been conducted without all of the Knights and their wives. The women of this council work very hard to assist in all of these events and I thank all of them for their dedication and love in helping others. As I noted in the last newsletter, "Everyone who has committed themselves to doing "Good for Others" should be very proud of all of the accomplishments."

As we move closer to the end of the year our work is not done and plans for a new project is on the works. More later. We have continued our membership drives for 2023-2024. We have or will visit every parish in Michigan City providing parishioners with information about becoming a Knight and why joining then Knights of Columbus is so important especially in these troubled times. Please contact any Knight if you are interested in getting more information. The first year dues are free if you join online. This following link will also provide a great deal of information as well, <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html>. We will be conducting an Exemplification for our new members soon. We have 5 new members so far this fiscal year. We will also ringing the bells for the annual Salvation Red Kettle drive in December so look for us and remember those in need when you provide donations to that kettle. The Knights Annual Christmas party is fast approaching as well. Before we know it Advent will be here.

Great team, great partnership, and wonderful group of Catholic Gentlemen. God Bless all of you. Be safe!

Vivat Jesus!!

## Upcoming Events

Oct	16	Social mtg
	21	Blood drive
	21	Boo at Zoo
	27	Trunk-and-Treat
Nov	4,5	Café
	4	Soup Kitchen
	6	Business mtg / Gibault Christmas gift drive begins
	14	4th degree mtg - Council hosting
	18	4th Degree Exemplification at Grainger
	20	Social meeting - Fraternal Benefit Night
	25	Blood drive
Dec	1	4th degree Christmas party (La Porte)
	2,3	Café
	2	Soup Kitchen
	9	Christmas party Gifts for unborn
	9	Corporate Mass ** Vocations cross
	16	Salvation Army bell ringing

## Officers

Chaplain	Fr. David Kime
Grand Knight	Bruce D Garwood
Financial Secretary	Martin J Campanella
Deputy Grand Knight	Thomas A Sienkowski
Chancellor	Robert L Moulton III
Recorder	Thomas W Root
Treasurer	Nicholas Rosier
Advocate	Dwayne M Hogan
Warden	Steven A Lyons
Inside Guard	Paul I Aquino
Outside Guard	Jim Welborne
One Year Trustee	Albert J Tokoly
Two Year Trustee	David C Bays
Three Year Trustee	Lawrence J Barna

**MEETINGS—1st & 3rd MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH**  
**7PM IN COUNCIL QUARTERS**  
**606 WOODLAND AVENUE, MICHIGAN CITY, IN**  
**(Quarters are located in the prior adoration chapel**  
**across the parking lot from the school playground.)**

**Meet our new Insurance Agent:**



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